



HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

April 9, 2015- 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGregor called the April 9, 2015 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joyce Bowling, Nihal Dhillon, Leslie Hamada, Brian Lord, Fran McGregor, and Lesley Schlesinger

MEMBERS ABSENT

Adam Wheeler

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CM HAMADA MOVED AND CM LORD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 12, 2015 AS CORRECTED. VOTE: 6-0. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair McGregor opened the nominations for Chair to serve a one-year term.

CM HAMADA NOMINATED FRAN MCGREGOR AS CHAIR. CM BOWLING SECONDED THE NOMINATION. VOTE: 6:0 MOTION CARRIED.

Chair McGregor opened the nominations for Vice-Chair to serve a one-year term.

CHAIR MCGREGOR NOMINATED LESLIE HAMADA AS VICE-CHAIR. CM LORD SECONDED THE NOMINATION. VOTE: 6:0 MOTION CARRIED

ORIENTATION OF NEW COMMISSIONER

Chair McGregor welcomed new student commissioner Nihal Dhillon and asked her to share about herself. Nihal, who goes by Nia, is 17 years old and a running start student at Green River Community College. She is considering a major in Political Science but has not yet decided. She has sister and brother and her pet dog named Stupid.

Each of the commissioners introduced themselves and shared about their background and interest in human services.

Chair McGregor gave an overview of the mission and responsibilities of the Human Services Commission. She explained the funding cycle process and monitoring the agencies followed by reviewing the work calendar and introduction to the Human Services Master Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1. Review Draft Revision of the Human Services Master Plan Assessments & Goals

Exhibit 1 was a draft of the revisions shown in track changes discussed at the March meeting for the commission's review. Chair McGregor also provided a hand-out of her notes listing the revisions from the last meeting to which they could compare. After further review, it was agreed that the changes in Chair McGregor's notes were accurate and should be approved.

CM LORD MOVED AND SCHLESINGER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE HUMAN SERVICES MASTER PLAN ASSESSMENTS AND GOALS. VOTE: 6:0 MOTION CARRIED.

The next step is to present the changes to the City Council at the joint Council-Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. CM Lord mentioned that when the commission presents their goals to the Council they should word it carefully to encourage more low-income rental and housing in Covington. Chair McGregor will present the changes and CM Hamada will speak to the need for low-income housing and to be a community of acceptance for all people. Since most of the changes primarily focus on housing, the Community Development Director will be provide these goals to the consultant conducting the Comp Plan Updates, incorporating these goals into the housing element.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 2. Video Presentation of Global to Local Health Initiative

Victoria showed two videos; the first on the *Global to Local Health Initiative* which began in SeaTac and Tukwila and the positive changes that are being made to people's health; secondly she showed a National Public Radio segment on the *Family Housing Connection* program for homeless families and the barriers that need to be addressed to make this a more successful program.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

CM SCHLESINGER MOVED AND CM LORD SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 9, 2015 MEETING AT 8:03 P.M. VOTE 6:0. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by:



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